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1. FEB. 28 MEETING OF ROME PERMREPS TO WFC WAS BRIEF DISCUSSION OF ESSENTIALLY TWO ITEMS. FIRST CONCERN WAS THE TIME AND LOCATION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH WAS ADDRESSED BY GROUP OF 77 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO STATED THAT, WHILE THERE WAS NO G-77 POSITION, THEY FAVORED MEETING IN MEXICO. THE COUNTRIES THAT SPOKE WERE PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH, ARGENTINA, SRI LANKA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND NIGERIA. JAPAN ALSO INDICATED THEY COULD AGREE WITH A MAJORITY DECISION. FRANCE, WHICH AT EARLIER MEETING OPPOSED PREPCOM IN MEXICO, REMAINED SILENT. THE OTHER ISSUE DISCUSSED WAS THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS OF THE PERMREPS TO WFC. LDC COUNTRIES INDICATED DESIRE THAT THE FUTURE MEETINGS DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF AGENDA IN ORDER THAT MEETINGS COULD BE MORE USEFUL. IN WORDS OF THE BANGLADESH REP, THEY WANTED A MORE FORMAL INFORMAL MEETING IN ORDER THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE WITH DOCUMENTS

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2. IN CLOSING COMMENTS, SECRETARIAT INDICATED THEY WILL SHORTLY ISSUE A REVISED AGENDA WHICH WILL BASICALLY EXPAND ITEM 5 TO INDICATE MAJOR ITEMS OF MANILA COMMUNIQUE FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION. ALSO, THAT HANNAH WILL BE GOING

TO MANILA THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO DISCUSS WFC MATTERS.

3. HARRY WALTERS WILL BE IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATION
FEB. 6-8 AND WILL BE DEPARTING FEB. 9 FOR OTTAWA FOR
CONSULTATIONS THERE. HOLMES

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